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PART I

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT

Passes orders on the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Audit Report and Appropriation Account for the year 1946-47.

READ—

Audit Report and Appropriation Account for the year 1946-47, received from the Comptroller to Government.

Report of the Public Accounts Committee thereon.

ORDER NO. FL. 1915-1999—G.F. 187-47-4, DATED BANGALORE, THE 27TH AUGUST 1948.

Recorded.

2. *Appropriation Accounts.*—The percentage of total savings under voted grants during 1946-47, was 31·19 as against 35·22 during the previous year. The savings were mostly due to shortage of labour and non-availability or non-receipt of machinery or material for which orders had been placed.

3. Excess over grants were reported under 13 Voted Heads, the aggregate amount of the excesses being Rs. 86,43,238 which represents 21·58 per cent of the total appropriation as against 15·17 per cent, in the previous year. Excluding the contribution to funds (which are not real items of expenditure) the excess under actual expenditure is very much less.

The Committee has also examined the cases for the excesses under the several heads and recommended that the excesses be passed. A schedule of demands for excess grants was accordingly presented to the Legislative Council and all the demands were passed.

4. With regard to the excess expenditure reported under Non-Voted Heads, Government direct that the excesses as under, be passed :—

	Rs.
(1) 12 General Administration	12,942
(2) 15 Pensions and Allowances	1,51,403
(3) 17 Miscellaneous	3,838
(4) 32. B.—Expenditure. connected with the War, 1939	2,06,710
Total ...	3,74,893

Government direct that Departments should make ev endeavour to utilise the grants to the fullest extent possi during the period of sanction and minimise lapses of gra voted by the Legislature. Unless the Departments are cert that additional grants asked for could be utilised before t close of the year, they should not apply for such grants a even when such additional grants have been sanctioned, th should be reported as surrendered well in time so that demar may not be placed before the Legislature for such grants.

Government regret to observe that during the course the proceedings of the Committee, some representatives of t Departments were not able to furnish all the informati required by the Committee. All Heads of Departments, w are invited to appear before the Committee, should be in f possession of all facts in order to enable the Committee come to a correct decision.

Audit Report.—The Committee has again observed th arrangements should be made to provide the necessary staff the Comptroller. This question is engaging the attention Government. But Government observe that in several ca paucity of hands alone is not the cause for the delay in t timely submission of account returns or for the non-ma tenance of proper accounts as required by the rules. T Heads of Departments and particularly the Chief Engineers a requested to issue needful instructions to the subordina officers warning them that any lack of supervision and con quent delay would be severely noticed. They further dire that in respect of stores, the Heads of Departments should s that stock-accounts are maintained up to date and t concerned officers held responsible for timely reconciliation Book Balances and the counted balances.

Government regret to note that in spite of repeat observations and strict instructions there has been und delay in closing the Work Accounts. Prompt action should taken to see that Work Accounts are closed with the lea possible delay. Government direct that due attentions hou be paid in submitting the returns in Statement 32 of the Pub Works Account Code by the Executive Engineers concern by clearly specifying all works completed.

Regarding expenditure in excess of sanctioned estimates, rnment observe that the Officers concerned are not ring to the rules relating to the submission of Works slips arly thus giving scope for large excesses over original ıates and direct that in future due observance of the rule ing to the Works Slips should be strictly adhered to.

In the case of preliminary estimates of Works taken up execution in anticipation of completion of formalities, ernment observe that instructions given in Government er No Fl. 708-89—G.F. 288-38-13, dated 8th August), are not being observed and the Chief Engineers are ested to see that the Audit Department is provided with the ssary preliminary estimates and other details.

In respect of cases of defalcation and misappropriation in Food Department, the Committee has observed that ishments in some cases are lenient and that the concerned ials should have been dismissed from service, so that they ıot seek re-employment in Government service. Govern- ıt direct that the Director of Food Supplies should re- mine these cases and see whether more deterrent punish- ıt may not be inflicted as observed by the Committee.

Government observe that a large number of depot ounts have not been audited for over a couple of years and ect that the arrear work is cleared early and a detailed ort sent to Government.

In future reports the Director of Food Supplies should ange to give details of the quantity of damaged stocks due exposure, losses due to deterioration, etc.

M. SHAMANNA, *Finl. Secy.*

Raises the limit of the maximum lumpsum payment of Compassionate Gratuity from Rs. 800 to Rs. 1,000.

ORDER NO. FL. 2425-2510—S & A. 28-48-1 BANGALORE, DATED 21ST SEPTEMBER 1948.

In Government Order No. Fl. 74187-7—S. & A. 252-28-4, ed 1st—3rd April 1929 as amended by Government Order . Fl. 2283-343—S. & A. 252-28-6, dated 24—25th September 29, sanction was accorded to a scheme for the grant of mpassionate gratuity to the families of deceased officers, e amount being payable in lumpsum if it is less than Rs. 800 d converted into an income policy if it is Rs. 800 or more.

Numerous petitions are of late being addressed to Govern- ent by the families of the deceased Government servants questing that the amount of compassionate gratuity may be d in a lumpsum instead of in instalments. Further owing the present high cost of living, it is considered necessary to the minimum lumpsum payment at some higher level. nder the circumstances Government are pleased to direct at the maximum lumpsum payment of compassionate ituity be raised from Rs. 800 to Rs. 1,000 and that the mptroller be empowered to make payments in a lumpsum to and inclusive of Rs. 1,000.

M. SHAMANNA, *Finl. Secy.*

LAW SECRETARIAT

Directs that the Additional Director of Food Supplies be also deputed to attend the sittings of the Representative Assembly in future.

READ—

Government Order No R. L. 981-1074—R. A. 19-46-3, dated 17th March 1947, deputing certain officers of Government to attend the sittings of the Representative Assembly.

2. Letter No. F.C.—26-47-48, dated 15th May 1948, from the Director of Food Supplies in Mysore recommending for reasons stated therein that the Additional Director of Food Supplies be also deputed to attend the sittings of the Representative Assembly.

ORDER NO. R.L. 613-706—R.A. 16-48-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 22ND SEPTEMBER 1948.

Under proviso (*b*) of section 10 of the Government of Mysore Act, 1940, Government are pleased to direct that the Additional Director of Food Supplies be also deputed to attend the sittings of the Representative Assembly in future.

S. KANAKARATNARAJ,
Legal Remembrancer and Law Secy.

Places Sri P. Honnappa, B.A., Assistant Secretary to Government, on Special Duty in connection with the arrangements pertaining to Mysore Constituent Assembly Commencing from 27th September 1948 at Bangalore.

ORDER NO. R. L. 723-730—R.A. 17-48-1, DATED BANGALORE, THE 25TH SEPTEMBER 1948.

Sri P. Honnappa, B.A., Assistant Secretary to Government, is placed on special duty in charge of arrangements in connection with the Constituent Assembly meetings commencing from the 27th September 1948.

The members of the Constituent Assembly are requested to place themselves in communication with Sri P. Honnappa for any information or assistance that they may require at Bangalore, during the meetings of the Constituent Assembly

The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, the Municipal Commissioner, City Municipality, Bangalore, the General Manager, Mysore State Railway, the Chief Electrical Engineer, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer, Buildings Division, Bangalore, are requested to render all reasonable help to the Officer on Special Duty.

S. KANAKARATNARAJ,
Legal Remembrancer and Law. Secy.

Deputes the Director and Vice-Chairman, Mysore Iron and Steel Works, Bhadravati, to attend the sittings of the Representative Assembly in future.

READ—

Government Order No. R. L. 981-1074—R. A. 19-46-3, dated 17th March 1947, directing the deputation of certain officers to attend the sittings of the Representative Assembly.

ORDER NO. R. L. 735-832—R. A. 16-48-3, DATED BANGALORE, THE 27TH SEPTEMBER 1948.

Under proviso (*b*) of Section 10 of the Government of Mysore Act, 1940, Government are pleased to direct that the Director and Vice-Chairman, Mysore Iron and Steel Works, Bhadravati, be also deputed to attend the sittings of the Representative Assembly in future.

S. KANAKARATNARAJ,
Legal Rembcer. and Law Secy.